Everybody was listed. Everybody's name is there. If you are disagreeing, okay, you go out and agree and come back.

SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: But, Madam...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. You have been a witness here. I was not here. But I could hear what was happening. I could hear it in my room. It is not as if you are not in the House. You know who was responsible, not the Chair. I am sure, the Vice-Chairman was not making the noise.

SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL: But, you have to conduct the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: How to conduct, if the Members do not know how to conduct themselves? You do not know how to conduct yourself.

SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL: I am not responsible for it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Minister. You want to withdraw? Okay.

THE BOARD FOR WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF HANDICAPPED BILL, 1991

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU): Madam, I beg to move for leave to withdraw the Board for Welfare and Protection of Rights of Handicapped Bill, 1991.

The question was proposed.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, I am opposing the withdrawal. I have given notice under Rule 119.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You are opposing the Bill? Why?

SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: Why?

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Madam, this Bill, the Board for Welfare and Protection of Rights of Handicapped Bill, 1991, was introduced in the year 1991, on the 9th January. This Bill has been pending for consideration for the last four and a half years. Madam, this Bill was introduced by the then Minister of Social Welfare and Labour, Mr. Ramji Lai Suman, on the 9th January, 1991. It has been pending for consideration for the last four and a half years. Now, the Minister has come out with a statement that there are certain discrepancies in this Bill and, therefore, he will be introducing a new Bill in the present session itself. My only objection is that this Bill has been pending for consideration in the Rajya Sabha for the last four and a half years. The Minister must give an assurance that he will not only introduce a new Bill, but he will also see to it that it is passed by both the Houses in the present session itself. He has said that in the current session of Parliament, he will be introducing a Bill which covers all the aspects of rehabilitation. My charge is that this Government is negligent towards the most depressed class of the society, that is the handicapped. They have been sleeping over the Bill for the last four years and six months. Now they are going to withdraw it. Therefore, the Minister must give an assurance that he will not only introduce a new Bill but he will also get it passed by both the Houses in the current session itself.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Provided you allow him to work in the House.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): Simply by introducing the Bill, your responsibility was not over. You could have got it passed. Why are you charging us now?

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: I will reply. Madam, please give me a chance to reply. The Bill was introduced on the 9th January, 1991. The then Prime Minister recommended for the dissolution of the Lok Sabha on the 11th of March, and then he recommended to the President

that the country should go for a poll. Thereafter, no session of Parliament was held. The present Government came to power on the 21st of June, 1991. They have been sleeping over it for the last four and a half years.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Where is the sanctity for your Bill? You were thrown out of power

SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: Madam, I fully share the anxiety of the hon. Member. After our Government came to power in 1991, a number of representations came from the NGOs, from the public, and from the State Governments. Our Government had a number of discussions with the State Governments and the NGOs. We have improved upon the Bill for the welfare of the weaker sections, specially the disabled. The new Bill is going to be introduced in the Lok Sabha before the session ends. I have already given notice to that effect. And I hope, this new Bill will give a lot of impetus, a lot of improvement, and that will bring about a balance in the society. I assure the hon. Member and the House that we are very much interested in the welfare of the handicapped. The new Bill contains a lot of avenues for the development and welfare of the disabled people at large. I would appeal to the hon. Member as well as to the House. I am assuring the House, on behalf of my Ministry, that we will introduce the Bill in this Session itself.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: When arc you going to bring this forward? You give an assurance.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: There are only three days left, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There are only three days left. Has the Bill already been introduced in the Lok Sabha?

SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: Not yet, Madam. Only after the withdrawal of this Bill, we can introduce the new Bill.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Is it ready?

SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: It is ready. Already, notice has been given.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is ready. Okay. Now, the question is:

> "That leave be granted to withraw the Board for Welfare and Protection of Rights of Handicapped Bill, 1991."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: Madam, I withdraw the Bill.

THE DOCK WORKERS (REGULATION OF EMPLOYMENT) (INAPPLICABILITY TO MAJOR PORTS) BILL, 1995.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for inapplicablity of the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1948, to dock workers of major port trusts and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The question was proposed.

SHRI JIBON ROY (West Bengal): Madam, I want to make a submission.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: At this point, how can you speak? The Bill is only being introduced. It is not being taken up for consideration.

SHRI JIBON ROY: I am not opposing the introduction of the Bill, Madam. I only want to make a submission here, for the consideration of the hon. Minister. My submission is that there is a widespread apprehension among the workers that they would lose their job if all the ports are amalgmated. May only